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| Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary | Application No. 10/775,348 | Applicant(s) RODDY, CRAIG W. | |
| | Examiner George Suchfield | Art Unit 3676 | |

All Participants:

(1) George Suchfield.

(2) Corey Tumey.

Status of Application: pending

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Date of Interview: 28 April 2006

Time: Eastern Daylight-Saving, p.m.

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

35 USC 102(b)

Claims discussed:

1 and 71-82

Prior art documents discussed:

Berke et al (6,648,962)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Applicant was invited to further amend claim 1, via an examiner's amendment, in order to patentably distinguish over Berke et al by positively reciting a drilling step(s), but no agreement was reached. Applicant further inquired whether the examiner could rewrite the newly submitted composition claims 71-82 into methods, but examiner indicated such beyond the scope of an examiner's amendment. The examiner suggested that claims to making a drilling fluid, per se, could be submitted in a divisional application, along with the presently non-elected composition claims..